Termination of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

2082. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has decided to terminate all Centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry of Labour; and

(b) if so, what are these schemes and the reasons for terminating these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Ten Centrally Sponsored Schemes covered under Ministry of Labour, World Bank assisted Vocational Training Project, will be completed in the Ninth Five Year Plan. The remaining centrally sponsored schemes being implemented under this Ministry would continue.

Conditionalities to follow IMF dictates on reforms

2083. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has decided to impose conditionalities over the States in the matter of providing Central assistance and compelling the States to follow IMF dictates on reforms;

(b) if so, whether it is not violating the federal structure of the Constitution; and

(c) what is the response from the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No Sir. The States are provided Normal Central Assistance (NCA) under Gadgil Formula as approved by the National Development Council (NDC) in December 1991, which *inter-alia*, takes into account their performance in fiscal management, tax effort, progress in national objectives i.e. population control, elimination of illiteracy, on-time completion of Externally-aided Projects (EAPs) and Land Reforms. Further, the release of Central Assistance to States for various Area Programmes (i.e. Pradhan Mantri's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY), Pradhan

Mantri's Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Hill Area Development Programme (HADP), Border Area Development Programme (BADP) etc. are based on Reports on Progress in Expenditure and Utilisation Certificates. In-addition, the performance of States in the realisation of plan targets are also monitored by Planning Commission through official level discussions with the States, visits of the Commission to the States and in discussions between the Deputy Chairman and the Chief Ministers of States.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Economic Growth Rate in Eastern and North-Eastern States

2084. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the economic growth rate has gone down drastically in Eastern and North Eastern States since the reforms process was undertaken;

(b) if so, whether Union Government propose to announce special status to those States who suffered from liberalization; and

(c) the rate of growth during nineties *vis-a-vis* eighties of the above mentioned States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The annual rates of economic growth (measured by Gross State Domestic Product at constant 1993-94 prices) for Eastern and North Eastern States are given in Statement I (*see* below). These data do not indicate that the economic growth rate has gone down drastically in Eastern and North Eastern States since the reforms process was undertaken.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The rates of growth during nineties *vis-a-vis* eighties of the Eastern and North Eastern States are given in Statement II.